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U.S. DEFENCE SECRETARY TO VISIT CHINA

Perry hopes to discuss wide-ranging issues on military co-operation

(SAN FRANCISCO) -- The US hopes to discuss wide-ranging issues on military co-operation with China when its Secretary of Defence, Mr William Perry, visits the mainland in October.

A Pentagon official said that Mr Perry had accepted an invitation from Chinese Defence Minister Chi Haotian and would officiate at a ceremony in Beijing to set up a Sino-US joint committee for converting military technology to civilian use.

The invitation followed a US visit two weeks ago by the deputy chief of staff of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), General Xu Huizi.

He held a closed-door meeting with senior US military leaders in Washington to discuss military co-operation between the two countries.

Quoting a senior Pentagon official, Taiwan newspaper *China Times* reported that both sides exchanged views on security in the Asia-Pacific region, North Korea and global strategy.

The official who was present at the meeting said the US hoped to have contacts with the Chinese army, airforce, and navy at all levels.

With progress in bilateral military ties, both sides could then look forward to holding joint military exercises when "conditions were ripe".

This would help the two countries have a better understanding of each other's military operations.

He added that the US would have to adjust its military policy towards China, as the latter's role in the world had already changed.

While prospects for Sino-US military co-operation were good, he stressed that it would not return to the situation in the mid-80s when there were arms sales and military technology transfer to China.

US President Bill Clinton had decided last year to send several high-level administration officials to Beijing to try to establish a new detente on the US-China front.

According to American analysts, the administration's policy of "engaging" China stems not just from an interest in limiting Beijing's sales of weapons of mass destruction. Washington also regards the PLA as a major political and economic player in China, and wants to maintain strong ties with an institution that is expected to play a big role during the transformation of that country.

Gen Xu's visit was the latest in a string of "get-to-know-you" exchanges since the two sides moved to relaunch military co-operation during a visit to Beijing by Admiral Charles Larson, Commander-in-Chief of US forces in the Pacific region, in November last year.

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PERRY IN MANILA: Defense Secretary William Perry will attend ceremonies in the Philippines on the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the country from Japanese occupation by U.S. forces in World War II. Perry will represent President Clinton in the ceremonies on central Leyte island on Oct. 20, Philippine officials said.

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Perry to attend Philippine rites

MANILA — U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry will lead the American delegation attending ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the Allied landing that began the liberation of the Philippines in World War II.

A spokeswoman for the anniversary committee said this week government and military officials from 11 other countries will also attend the Oct. 20 rites on Leyte island.

She said 18 countries will send messages inscribed on rocks, which will be collected at a commemorative rock garden in Palo on Leyte island, about 360 miles south of Manila.

Australian Defense Minister Robert Ray will also attend the ceremonies.

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Perry to visit China this month, U.S. says

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William J. Perry will visit China in mid-October in the latest of a series of high-level U.S. government contacts with Chinese leaders, defense officials said yesterday.

The officials said that Mr. Perry was planning a three-day visit to Beijing and other areas of the country beginning around Oct. 16. He will also visit the Philippines after leaving China, they said.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS

Secretary of Defense William Perry has revised his planned trip to China which was planned for October 14, 1994. Due to the current situation in the Middle East, Secretary Perry has added stops in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait where he will talk with host nation officials. While in Kuwait Mr. Perry will review the deployment of U.S. forces and talk to commanders on scene.

Secretary Perry will depart Washington D.C. Wednesday, October 12, 1994 and will resume his scheduled trip in Beijing, China where he will discuss a number of important bilateral and regional issues and will hold talks to improve military relations. While in the Philippines, Dr. Perry will participate in World War II commemorative activities. In Hawaii, the Secretary of Defense will visit the headquarters of Pacific Command at Camp Smith. The Secretary will return to Washington on October 23.

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Pentagon outlines Perry's Beijing agenda

The United States will seek better military ties, but arms sales will not be on the agenda when Defense Secretary William Perry visits China next week at the head of a big delegation that includes four senators, a senior Pentagon official said.

Mr. Perry, the first defense secretary to visit China in six years, wants to find ways of "re-establishing mutual trust with the PLA [People's Liberation Army] leadership," the official told Kyodo News Service on Wednesday.

China's nuclear testing, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, arms control and a Southeast Asian territorial dispute over the Spratley Islands will also come up during the four day trip starting Sunday, the official said

PERRY STARTS TRIP TODAY: Defense Secretary William Perry will leave today on a trip to Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, China and the Philippines, the Pentagon said yesterday. DoD spokesman Ken Bacon said the China trip has been planned for some time and the Gulf visit was added because of the situation in the region. In the Middle East Perry will meet with government officials of the host governments and visit with U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf region, Bacon said. **(AP, Reuter)** 10/12/94